

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph at page 4, after the paragraph starting "FIG. 4 shows..." after line 30:

FIG. 5 shows diagrammatically yet a further calender according to a preferred embodiment of the invention.

Please amend the paragraph at page 6, line 30, with the following amended paragraph:

In the embodiment of FIG. 2, there are no springs 9 located between the mounts 5 of the rolls forming a nip, but rather, hydraulic cylinders 19 are used as the actuator means. Herein, the gap width of the quick-opened nips and the nip loading forces can be adjusted with the help of the hydraulic cylinders 19 by means of changing the pressure of the hydraulic fluid. Otherwise the embodiment of FIG. 2 is basically identical to that shown in FIG. 1. Also, as shown in FIG. 3, the hydraulic cylinders 19 may be located, within the space constraints, between the ~~[he]~~ bearing blocks 4 of superimposed rolls 1, 2, 3 forming a nip. To save space, the cylinder portion of the hydraulic cylinder 19 and the hydraulic fluid channels communicating therewith may be machined directly into the interior of the mounts 5 or the bearing blocks 4.

Please amend the paragraph at page 7, line 14, with the following amended paragraph:

In addition to those described above, the invention may have alternative embodiments. For example, a calender according to the present invention may use a combination of springs and hydraulic cylinders as actuator means. FIG. 5 shows a calender where an exemplary combination of springs 9 between bearing blocks 4 and hydraulic cylinders 19 between mounts 5 is used as the actuator means. Furthermore, the actuator means may be implemented in other ways besides springs and/or hydraulic cylinders, which are only examples of means to relieve the linear load of the nibs.